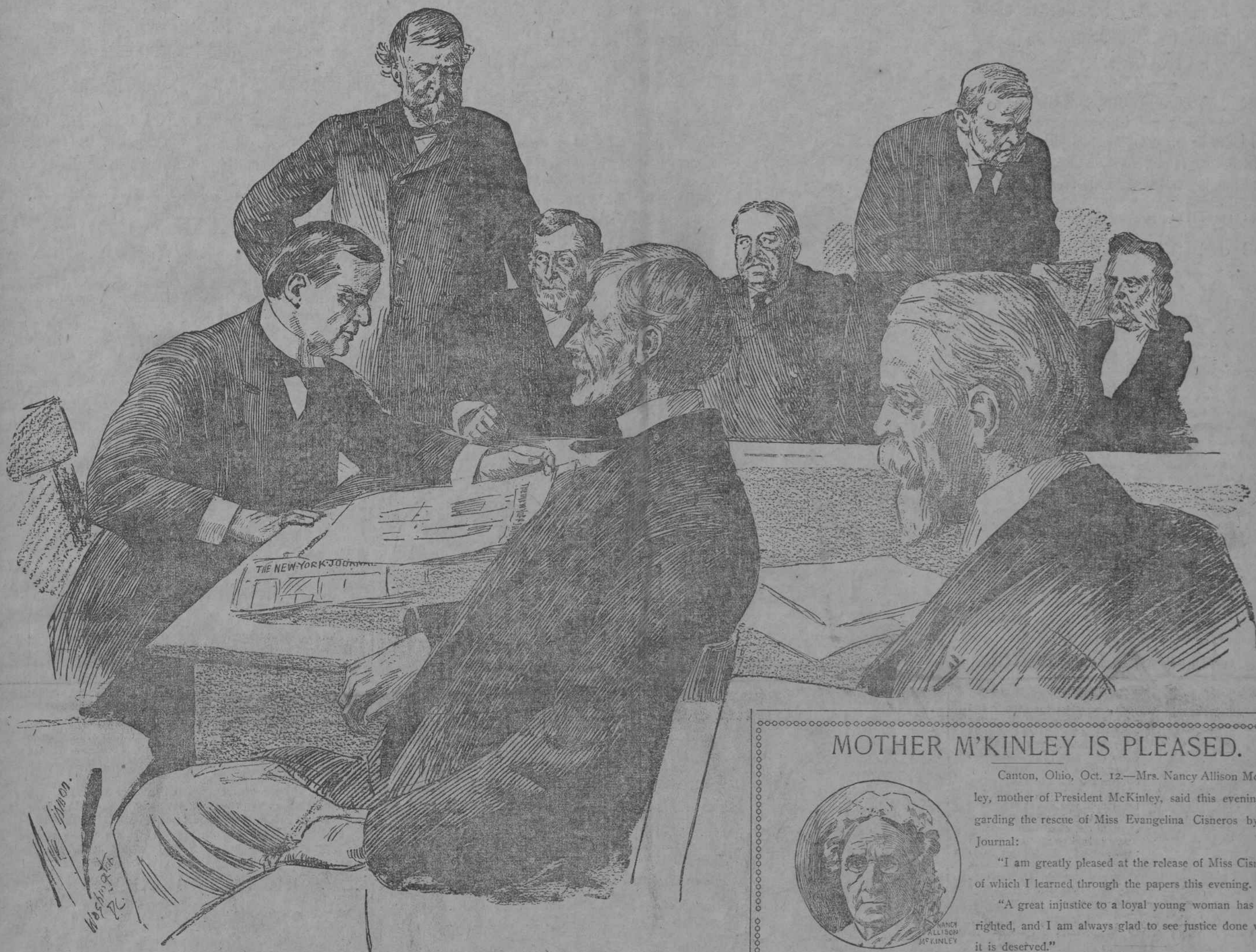


M'KINLEY AND HIS CABINET CONSIDER THE CISNEROS CASE.



The President Declares That Sherman's Epigrammatic Statement to the Journal "Correctly Voiced the Unofficial Sentiment of the Administration."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—It was Journal day at the White House to-day. Despite the fact that the annual reports and recommendations of the several Secretaries are demanding immediate and urgent consideration, the heroic rescue of Evangelina Cosío y Cisneros, by a Journal commissioner, was the first and most important topic of conversation at the Cabinet meeting. All the members were present except the Secretary of Agriculture, who is absent from the city, taking part in the Ohio campaign. The venerable Secretary of State, John Sherman, bending beneath the weight of over seventy years, was the first to arrive, followed closely by the military figure of Secretary Alger. Secretary Long, rotund of face and of sturdy build, with keen eyes and an aggressively bristling mustache, came next, with Attorney-General McKenna, and Secretary Bliss close behind. Postmaster-General Gary, whose annual report will contain the most important and radical recommendations of any of the Cabinet, was next; Secretary Gage, just returned from the West, entered a moment later. The Cabinet members have all the business-like habit of promptness. Five minutes would cover the arrival of the seven, and business began with clock-like promptness at 11.

At the head of the table sat the President, with the members of his official family ranged on either side in the order of seniority and precedence. Besides the usual portfolios in which each official carries the notes and documents which he wishes to lay before the meeting, several copies of the Journal were in evidence.

McKinley Himself Introduced the Subject.

The rescue of Miss Cisneros was the first subject broached, and President McKinley, holding a copy of yesterday's Journal in his hand, thus opened the conversation:

"A very good portrait of you in the Journal, Secretary Sherman," he remarked.

"The Journal does much better than most papers with my picture," was the reply. The aged Premier smiled. He knew that the President had merely started.

"The Journal credits you with saying (here the President read the despatch published Monday morning): 'While I cannot discuss Spain or Cuba, every one will sympathize with the Journal's enterprise in releasing Miss Cisneros. She is a woman.' Is that correct?"

The President paused for a reply, smiling slightly and peering over the top of his glasses. The other members of the Cabinet

MOTHER M'KINLEY IS PLEASED.

Canton, Ohio, Oct. 12.—Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of President McKinley, said this evening regarding the rescue of Miss Evangelina Cisneros by the Journal:

"I am greatly pleased at the release of Miss Cisneros, of which I learned through the papers this evening.

"A great injustice to a loyal young woman has been righted, and I am always glad to see justice done where it is deserved."



"BEYOND COMPARE," ELKINS SAYS.

By United States Senator Stephen B. Elkins.

THE thrill of pleasure which fills every American heart at the announcement of Miss Cisneros's deliverance from the clutches of the Spanish authorities in Havana was only equalled by the feeling of pride conveyed by the fact that her deliverance had been secured through the direct intervention of a great American newspaper.

Surely no feat of American journalism can compare with the enterprise and chivalry displayed by the Journal in this, its latest, triumph. Statecraft and patriotism must both stand aside in the face of such an act of heroism and valor displayed by the Journal's correspondents in this coup de main. You have not only shown the world what to do but how to do it, and you have not only my hearty commendation but the thanks of every true American in this triumph of modern journalism.

I have known something of the blood that makes up the New York Journal management for more than one generation, and Mr. Hearst is just the man I would have expected such an enterprise to have been inspired by.

The Cuban question will work itself out peacefully and satisfactorily, but the story of Miss Cisneros's deliverance will go down to posterity as one of the great events in the history of the emancipation of the Cuban people from the yoke of Spain.



were all attention. They entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion.

"Yes, these are my views," replied Secretary Sherman, with great simplicity and directness.

President McKinley took off his glasses, balanced them on the back of his thumb and looked questioning around the table. If he had expected a qualifying answer he was disappointed. Then slowly and with a dry air, as of one who felt relief, at being able to speak the sentiment which he felt, the President remarked:

"Well, Mr. Secretary, I think you have correctly voiced the unofficial sentiment of the administration. It was a most heroic

deed. I think we all have a natural pride in that young American who risked his life to get that girl out of prison. General Lee showed me her photograph, and spoke in the highest terms of her character and disposition. I never saw a sweeter or more beautiful face."

With this endorsement from the President himself, every member of the Cabinet felt entirely free to express his sentiments—except one. That one, holding very different views, felt constrained under the circumstances, to keep silent. Every member of the Cabinet has daughters. To every one the noble pigram of Secretary Sherman on Miss Cisneros car-

ried its weighty meaning. "She is a woman."

No International Complications Feared.

The startling feature of the rescue were then discussed and numerous favorable comments made on the striking audacity of the Journal's enterprise, as well as the humanity which inspired this most notable rescue of modern times.

Then the more serious aspect of the rescue was considered—the question of an international complication, and a possible demand on the part of Spain for the ex-

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